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- 1 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension members of
2 said attaching portion is slender; and
3 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension members of
4 said attaching portion is elongated.
- 5 4. The holster as defined in claim 2, wherein each extension member of
6 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion has a
7 lowermost end;
8 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension members of
9 said attaching portion has an uppermost end;
10 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension members of
11 said attaching portion has an upper portion;
12 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension members of
13 said attaching portion has an intermediate portion; and
14 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension members of
15 said attaching portion has a lower portion.
- 16 5. The holster as defined in claim 4, wherein said upper portion of
17 each extension member of said pair of extension members of said
18 attaching portion depends from said uppermost end of an associated
19 extension member of said pair of extension members of said attaching
20 portion to a first transition point.
- 21 6. The holster as defined in claim 4, wherein said upper portion of
22 each extension member of said pair of extension members of said
23 attaching portion is straight; and
24 wherein said upper portion of each extension member of said pair of
25 extension members of said attaching portion is parallel to the
26 other.
- 27 7. The holster as defined in claim 5, wherein said intermediate portion
28 of each extension member of said pair of extension members of said

- 1 attaching portion depends sidewardly outwardly from said first
2 transition point of said upper portion of an associated extension
3 member of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
4 to a second transition point.
- 5 8. The holster as defined in claim 4, wherein said intermediate portion
6 of each extension member of said pair of extension members of said
7 attaching portion is continuous with said upper portion of an
8 associated extension member of said pair of extension members of
9 said attaching portion so as to allow said intermediate portion of
10 each extension member of said pair of extension members of said
11 attaching portion to be one-piece with said upper portion of said
12 associated extension member of said pair of extension members of
13 said attaching portion.
- 14 9. The holster as defined in claim 4, wherein said intermediate portion
15 of each extension member of said pair of extension members of said
16 attaching portion is straight.
- 17 10. The holster as defined in claim 7, wherein said lower portion of
18 each extension member of said pair of extension members of said
19 attaching portion depends from said second transition point of said
20 intermediate portion of an associated extension member of said pair
21 of extension members of said attaching portion to said lowermost end
22 of said associated extension member of said pair of extension
23 members of said attaching portion.
- 24 11. The holster as defined in claim 7, wherein said lower portion of
25 each extension member of said pair of extension members of said
26 attaching portion is continuous with said intermediate portion of
27 an associated extension member of said pair of extension members of
28 said attaching portion so as to allow said lower portion of each

1 extension member of said pair of extension members of said attaching
2 portion to be one-piece with said intermediate portion of said
3 associated extension member of said pair of extension members of
4 said attaching portion.

5 12. The holster as defined in claim 4, wherein said lower portion of
6 each said member of said pair of said members of said attaching
7 portion is straight;
8 wherein said lower portion of each extension member of said pair of
9 extension members of said attaching portion is parallel to the
10 other;
11 wherein said lower portion of each extension member of said pair of
12 extension members of said attaching portion is outboard of said
13 upper portion of an associated extension member of said pair of
14 extension members of said attaching portion; and
15 wherein said lower portion of each extension member of said pair of
16 extension members of said attaching portion is parallel to said
17 upper portion of said associated extension member of said pair of
18 extension members of said attaching portion.

19 13. The holster as defined in claim 4, wherein each extension member of
20 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion has an
21 upper loop; and
22 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension members of
23 said attaching portion has a lower loop.

24 14. The holster as defined in claim 13, wherein said upper loop of each
25 extension member of said pair of extension members of said attaching
26 portion is disposed at said uppermost end of an associated extension
27 member of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion;
28 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said pair of
29 extension members of said attaching portion extends forwardly from

1 said uppermost end of said associated extension member of said pair
2 of extension members of said attaching portion, away from the leg
3 of the user for comfort;
4 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said pair of
5 extension members of said attaching portion is for receiving an
6 upper strap; and
7 wherein the upper strap is for strapping around the leg of the user.

8 15. The holster as defined in claim 13, wherein said upper loop of each
9 extension member of said pair of extension members of said attaching
10 portion is identical to the other;
11 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said pair of
12 extension members of said attaching portion is vertically-oriented;
13 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said pair of
14 extension members of said attaching portion is spaced-apart from the
15 other;
16 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said pair of
17 extension members of said attaching portion is parallel to the
18 other; and
19 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said pair of
20 extension members of said attaching portion is aligned with the
21 other.

22 16. The holster as defined in claim 13, wherein said upper loop of each
23 extension member of said pair of extension members of said attaching
24 portion is formed by an upper member; and
25 wherein said upper member of said upper loop of each extension
26 member of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
27 is attached to said uppermost end of an associated extension member
28 of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion.

- 1 17. The holster as defined in claim 16, wherein said upper extension
2 member of said upper loop of each extension member of said pair of
3 extension members of said attaching portion is welded to said
4 uppermost end of an associated extension member of said pair of
5 extension members of said attaching portion.
- 6 18. The holster as defined in claim 16, wherein said upper member of
7 said upper loop of each extension member of said pair of extension
8 members of said attaching portion is arcuate-shaped;
9 wherein said upper member of said upper loop of each extension
10 member of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
11 is vertically-oriented;
12 wherein said upper member of said upper loop of each extension
13 member of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
14 is spaced-apart from the other; and
15 wherein said upper member of said upper loop of each extension
16 member of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
17 is parallel to the other.
- 18 19. The holster as defined in claim 13, wherein said lower loop of each
19 extension member of said pair of extension members of said attaching
20 portion is disposed at said lowermost end of an associated extension
21 member of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion;
22 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said pair of
23 extension members of said attaching portion extends rearwardly from
24 said lowermost end of said associated extension member of said pair
25 of extension members of said attaching portion, towards the leg of
26 the user 14 for spacing to compensate for the depending taper of the
27 leg of the user;
28 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said pair of
29 members of said attaching portion is for receiving a lower strap;
30 and

1 wherein the lower strap is for strapping around the leg of the user.

2 20. The holster as defined in claim 13, wherein said lower loop of each
3 extension member of said pair of extension members of said attaching
4 portion is identical to the other;
5 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said pair of
6 extension members of said attaching portion is vertically-oriented;
7 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said pair of
8 extension members of said attaching portion is spaced-apart from the
9 other;
10 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said pair of
11 extension members of said attaching portion is parallel to the
12 other; and
13 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said pair of
14 extension members of said attaching portion is aligned with the
15 other.

16 21. The holster as defined in claim 13, wherein said lower loop of each
17 extension member of said pair of extension members of said attaching
18 portion is formed by a lower member; and
19 wherein said lower member is attached to said lowermost end of an
20 associated extension member of said pair of extension members of
21 said attaching portion.

22 22. The holster as defined in claim 21, wherein said lower member of
23 said lower loop of each extension member of said pair of extension
24 members of said attaching portion is welded to said lowermost end
25 of an associated extension member of said pair of extension members
26 of said attaching portion.

- 1 23. The holster as defined in claim 21, wherein said lower loop of each
2 extension member of said pair of extension members of said attaching
3 portion is generally square-shaped;
4 wherein said lower member of said lower loop of each extension
5 member of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
6 is straight;
7 wherein said lower member of said lower loop of each extension
8 member of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
9 is vertically-oriented;
10 wherein said lower member of said lower loop of each extension
11 member of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
12 is spaced-apart from the other; and
13 wherein said lower member of said lower loop of each extension
14 member of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
15 is parallel to the other.
- 16 24. The holster as defined in claim 13, wherein said lower loop of each
17 extension member of said pair of extension members of said attaching
18 portion is wider than said loop of an associated extension member
19 of said pair of extension members of said attaching portion.
- 20 25. The holster as defined in claim 13, wherein said attaching portion
21 comprises a cross member; and
22 wherein said cross member of said attaching portion extends from
23 said lower loop of one extension member of said pair of extension
24 members of said attaching portion to said lower loop of the other
25 extension member of said pair of extension members of said attaching
26 portion.
- 27 26. The holster as defined in claim 25, wherein said cross member of
28 said attaching portion is rod-like;
29 wherein said cross member of said attaching portion is slender;

1 wherein said cross member of said attaching portion is elongated;
2 and
3 wherein said cross member of said attaching portion arcs for
4 conforming to the leg of the user.

5 27. The holster as defined in claim 4, wherein said holding portion
6 comprises a pair of segment members; and
7 wherein said pair of segment members of said holding portion are for
8 holding the head of the hammer.

9 28. The holster as defined in claim 27, wherein said pair of segment
10 members of said holding portion are mirror images of each other;
11 wherein said pair of segment members of said holding portion are
12 vertically-oriented;
13 wherein said pair of segment members of said holding portion are
14 spaced-apart from each other;
15 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment members of said
16 holding portion is rod-like;
17 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment members of said
18 holding portion is slender; and
19 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment members of said
20 holding portion is elongated.

21 29. The holster as defined in claim 27, wherein each segment member of
22 said pair of segment members of said holding portion has a
23 forwardmost end;
24 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment members of said
25 holding portion has a rear portion;
26 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment members of said
27 holding portion has a lower portion; and
28 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment members of said
29 holding portion has a forward portion.

- 1 30. The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein said rear portion of
2 each segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
3 portion depends forwardly from said lowermost end of an associated
4 extension member of said pair of extension members of said attaching
5 portion to a first transition point.
- 6 31. The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein said rear portion of
7 each segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
8 portion is straight; and
9 wherein said rear portion of each segment member of said pair of
10 segment members of said holding portion is parallel to the other.
- 11 32. The holster as defined in claim 30, wherein said lower portion of
12 each segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
13 portion extends forwardly, upwardly, and inwardly from said first
14 transition point of said rear portion of an associated segment
15 member of said pair of segment members of said holding portion to
16 a second transition point.
- 17 33. The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein said lower portion of
18 each segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
19 portion is continuous with said rear portion of an associated
20 segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
21 portion so as to allow said lower portion of each segment member of
22 said pair of segment members of said holding portion to be one-piece
23 with said rear portion of said associated segment member of said
24 pair of segment members of said holding portion.
- 25 34. The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein said lower portion of
26 each segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
27 portion is straight; and

1 wherein said lower portion of each segment member of said pair of
2 segment members of said holding portion converges towards the other.

3 35. The holster as defined in claim 32, wherein said forward portion of
4 each segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
5 portion extends upwardly and inwardly from said second transition
6 point of said lower portion of an associated segment member of said
7 pair of segment members of said holding portion to said forwardmost
8 end of said associated segment member of said pair of segment
9 members of said holding portion.

10 36. The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein said forward portion of
11 each segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
12 portion is continuous with said lower portion of an associated
13 segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
14 portion so as to allow said forward portion of each segment member
15 of said pair of segment members of said holding portion to be one-
16 piece with said lower portion of said associated segment member of
17 said pair of segment members of said holding portion.

18 37. The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein said forward portion of
19 each segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
20 portion is straight;
21 wherein said forward portion of each segment member of said pair of
22 segment members of said holding portion converges towards the other;
23 wherein said forward portion of each segment member of said pair of
24 segment members of said holding portion is inboard of said rear
25 portion of an associated segment member of said pair of segment
26 members of said holding portion; and
27 wherein said forward portion of each segment member of said pair of
28 segment members of said holding portion lies in a general parallel

1 plane to said rear portion of an associated segment member of said
2 pair of segment members of said holding portion.

3 38. The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein said holding portion
4 comprises a connecting member;
5 wherein said connecting member of said holding portion extends from
6 said forwardmost end of one segment member of said pair of segment
7 members of said holding portion to said forwardmost end of the other
8 segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
9 portion; and
10 wherein said connecting member of said holding portion extends
11 forwardly from said forwardmost end of each segment member of said
12 pair of segment members of said holding portion.

13 39. The holster as defined in claim 38, wherein said connecting member
14 of said holding portion is continuous with said forward portion of
15 each segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
16 portion so as to allow said connecting member of said holding
17 portion to be one-piece with said forward portion of an associated
18 segment member of said pair of segment members of said holding
19 portion.

20 40. The holster as defined in claim 38, wherein said connecting member
21 of said holding portion is inverted U-shaped.

22 41. The holster as defined in claim 38, wherein the head of the hammer
23 has a claw;
24 wherein the head of the hammer has a bell/poll;
25 wherein said pair of segment members of said holding portion and
26 said connecting member of said holding portion form a cradle; and
27 wherein said cradle of said holding portion is for replaceably
28 cradling the head of the hammer therein, with the handle of the

- 1 hammer extending upwardly therefrom, with the claw of the hammer
2 extending replaceably through one segment member of said pair of
3 segment members of said holding portion, and with the bell/poll of
4 the hammer extending replaceably through the other segment member
5 of said pair of segment members of said holding portion.
- 6 42. The holster as defined in claim 41, wherein said holding portion
7 comprises a cross member; and
8 wherein said cross member of said holding portion extends
9 horizontally from said forwardmost end of one segment member of said
10 pair of members of said holding portion to said forwardmost end of
11 the other segment member of said pair of segment members of said
12 holding portion.
- 13 43. The holster as defined in claim 42, wherein the head of the hammer
14 has a cheek;
15 wherein said cross member of said holding portion is flat;
16 wherein said cross member of said holding portion is elongated; and
17 wherein said cross member of said holding portion is for abutting
18 against the cheek of the head of the hammer and urging the head of
19 the hammer against said rear portion of each segment member of said
20 pair of segment members of said holding portion so as to replaceably
21 maintain the head of the hammer in said cradle of said holding
22 portion.
- 23 44. The holster as defined in claim 13, wherein said holding member
24 comprises a catch;
25 wherein said catch of said holding member is generally U-shaped;
26 wherein said catch of said holding member extends forwardly from
27 said upper portion of each extension member of said pair of
28 extension members of said attaching portion;

1 wherein said catch of said holding member extends just below said
2 upper loop of each extension member of said pair of extension
3 members of said attaching portion; and
4 wherein said catch of said holding member is for replaceably
5 capturing the handle of the hammer therein.